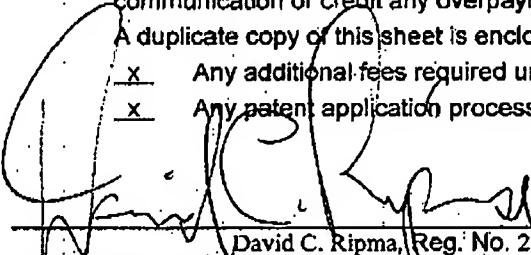
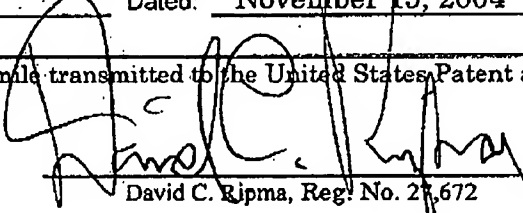
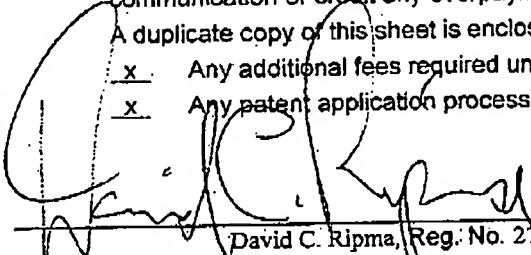
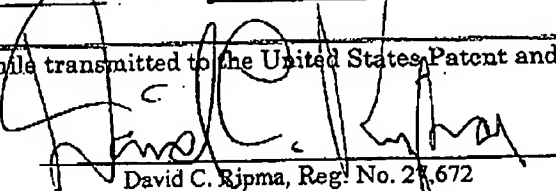


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In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

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Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings None

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